

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows: on page 1, delete the first paragraph and substitute for it the following replacement paragraph:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/429,490, filed May 5, 2003, issued February 10, 2004, as US Pat. No. 6,688,123, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/263,910, filed October 3, 2002, issued June 24, 2003, as US Pat. No. 6,581,395, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein, which application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/935,488, filed August 23, 2001, issued October 22, 2002, as US Pat. No. 6,467,285, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein, which ~~This application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial Numbers 60/227,166, filed on August 23, 2000, entitled "Automated Storage and Retrieval Apparatus for Freezers and Related Method Thereof," and 60/299,597, filed on June 20, 2001, entitled "Automated Storage and Retrieval Apparatus for Freezers and Related Method Thereof," the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.~~

Clean Version of Same Replacement Paragraph is Provided Below:

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